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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1864.

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## REPORT.

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The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 11, 1863,	\$655 70
Outstanding taxes of 1857,	15 15
“ “ 1858,	9 93
“ “ 1862,	359 25
State, County, Town, School, High School and school house taxes, 1863,	5970 07
Non-resident tax, “	302 05
Dog tax, 1863,	86 00
Received of Andover Institute,	200 00
John P. Sanborn,	1000 00
John W. Richardson,	600 00
Mrs. Isabella B. West,	500 00
Mrs. Hannah Runsey,	275 00
Hannah Hancock,	230 00
Laura A. Marsh,	100 00
Cynthia Hancock,	144 00
Franklin W. Eaton,	625 00
John P. Sanborn,	200 00
Noah M. Proctor,	500 00
Horace P. Eaton,	400 00
Franklin F. Ladd,	260 00
Edward Colby,	500 00
Samuel B. Kelley,	100 00
Jonathan Leavitt,	1500 00
Frank N. Hancock,	100 00
Mrs. Arathusia Smith,	300 00
Mrs. Nancy Davis,	100 00
John Pevare,	450 00
Franklin W. Eaton,	400 00
Mrs. Betsey Simonds,	200 00
Sarah E. Breed,	150 00
Anjenette Chase,	350 00
Margaret H. Gilman,	300 00

Received of Joseph E. Scribner,	\$400 00
John Sanborn,	125 00
Walter Aiken,	1000 00
Thomas Leighton,	125 00
Samuel U. Dearborn,	300 00
Sylvester W. Burleigh,	48 00
Literary Fund,	122 85
Railroad tax,	1382 81
John Colby, Jr., for cart wheels,	5 00
George L. Peabody, for chips,	3 00
Wheeler's Circus,	30 00
Side Shows,	5 00
Reimbursed by the State for State aid,	2729 77
“ “ “ for John Lynch,	18 33
Town of Sandwich,	5 48
Town Farm, for cow,	20 00
Amoskeag Savings Bank, for S. G. Elkins,	57 60
Town of Canterbury, in settlement of suit in small pox case,	175 00
Artemas Terrill, highway tax, 1862,	4 10
State bounty for seven volunteers,	700 00
Town Farm for oxen,	135 00
Merrimack County, for paupers,	535 95
J. Leavitt, taxes of 1858,	4 00
William W. Hancock, for 5 galls. kero. oil,	4 00
E. B. Colby, on his note,	200 00
Rowell & Barnard, balance on E. B. Colby note,	554 77
J. H. Cilley, use Town Hall,	15 25
Endorsement on L. Lord note,	12 00
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	\$25,596 53

Which is accounted for as follows :

*Outstanding Claims.*

Paid P. B. Cogswell, for printing reports of 1863,	\$26 00
H. W. Brockaway, for medicine,	1 00
J. W. Clement, over tax in 1862,	2 33
Wallace Burleigh, services as Selectman 1862-3,	3 00
Benj. S. Hancock, “ “ “	3 50
George Morrison “ “ “	3 50
N. Rowe for town farm,	4 08
Joseph Webster, on Engine roll,	1 50
Joseph Brown, “	1 50

Paid Dearborn S. Thompson, breaking roads in 1862,	\$8 88
Dr. G. E. Spencer, County bill for Mrs. Howe,	17 00
“ “ for Cyrus Stevens' family,	16 00
“ “ for Ash family,	29 25
L. M. Knight, over tax in 1862,	1 94
Dr. S. B. Kelley, filling Dr. Spencer's contract,	6 66
Dr. S. B. Kelley, contract with town,	20 00
Town note and interest of Wm. B. Wadsworth,	1216 39
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	\$1362 53

*Town Expenses for 1863-4.*

Paid E. C. Eastman, blank books and stationery,	\$15 82
Dr. G. E. Spencer's contract,	3 33
Time and expense to Asylum with Charl. G. Elkins,	3 50
Express on books and bills,	54
for Revenue and Postage stamps,	4 50
for time and expense to Concord for books,	2 50
expense of taking Inventory,	2 75
time and expense to Concord on acc't of pauper,	2 60
“ “ “ “ “	3 50
“ “ “ for State aid,	2 65
“ “ “ with drafted men,	6 25
“ “ Canterbury on acc't of pauper,	3 00
A. Smith, interest on money,	1 50
E. C. Eastman for stationery,	1 75
time and expense to Concord for State bounty vols.	3 00
A. S. Nesmith, services as selectman and overseer of Poor,	25 00
Engine roll for 1863,	103 46
time and expense to Manchester on account of Rodgers' children,	6 95
time and expense to Northfield on account of Whittier's accident,	2 00
time and expense to Concord on account of Charlotte G. Elkins,	3 05
Jonathan Leavitt, collecting tax in 1858,	07
O. B. Davis, collecting tax, 1862,	5 11
J. F. Dodge, services as Town Clerk,	28 00
Daniel Barnard, services as council,	11 61
J. H. Rowell, store bill,	9 66
J. F. Daniell & Son, store bill,	12 15
H. Fifield, repairing engine hose,	3 92
C. & E. C. Stone, store bill for oil,	9 13

Paid P. B. Cogswell, for printing check lists & receipts,	\$10 00
A. B. Closson, for services recruiting,	4 00
J. H. Cilley, two cords wood,	9 25
“ 2 galls. Kerosene Oil,	1 85
“ setting glass in Town Hall,	1 56
“ work on Hall and funnel,	1 25
“ one set castors for table,	25
“ winding Town Clock, &c.,	5 00
“ taking care Town Hall,	6 00
O. B. Davis, for board of selectmen and horses and help on Republican bridge,	61 63
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes, 1863,	92 37
time and expense perambulating Town line,	5 00
“ “ to Concord to settle with County,	2 90
Benjamin S. Hancock, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	62 00
George Morrison, services as selectman and over- seer of poor,	58 00
Benj. S. Hancock, services as Town Treasurer,	15 00
“ committee on soldiers families,	25 00
Austin F. Pike, services as council,	36 70
E. C. Stone, auditor,	2 00
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	\$677 06

*Roads and Bridges, 1863-4.*

Paid G. M. Fellows, for surveying depot road,	\$1 00
T. D. Little, “	2 25
D. Barnard, for insurance on Republican bridge,	31 25
V. Sargent, for work on bridge,	2 50
B. S. Hancock, for bridge plank,	2 91
George Morrison, for stringers on Sanborn bridge,	61 56
George Morrison, for work on Sanborn bridge,	7 00
B. S. Hancock, “	4 50
S. D. Morrison, “	5 33
T. P. Atherton, “	4 00
L. W. Sanborn, “	3 33
W. F. Thompson, “	10 00
T. Stevens, “	3 75
A. G. Carlton, iron work, “	1 37
S. Benton, for lumber, “	2 82
N. Rowe, for spikes and nails for Sanborn bridge,	1 68
B. S. Hancock, looking after bridges and culverts,	4 00
“ expense to Salisbury for surveyor,	1 00

Paid B. S. Hancock, for work turning off water from	
Republican bridge,	&3 00
Amos Floyd, "	1 75
F. N. Hancock, "	1 25
Time and expense to Canaan after plank,	8 58
J. L. Thompson, work on S. bridge,	1 33
V. Sargent, unloading and stacking plank for	
Republican bridge,	4 00
Charles Day, for 18 m. ft. of plank,	216 00
B. S. Hancock, work on Republican bridge,	3 50
C. P. Batchelder, distributing post guides,	2 00
T. D. Little, surveying depot road,	3 50
A. G. Morrison, for bridge plank,	80 00
S. R. Brown, work on culvert,	11 25
S. D. Morrison, work on R. bridge,	9 00
T. P. Atherton, "	10 00
S. M. Westgate, "	8 50
H. Fifield, "	8 25
G. Morrison, self and team, "	15 25
Freight on bridge plank,	3 05
D. R. Smith, for 2 m. ft. bridge plank	16 00
Freight on bolts and spikes,	44
A. Gardner, for painting and furnishing two signs	
for R. bridge,	5 50
B. S. Hancock, time on depot road,	1 00
L. W. Sanborn, work on R. bridge,	6 75
Gust Walker, for bolts and spikes,	31 31
Geo. Morrison, for work on R. bridge,	13 62
Gust Walker, for 1 bbl. Kerosene oil,	31 88
Freight on bbl. Kerosene oil,	2 30
Mrs. Lucy J. Clark, land damages for road,	20 00
A. B. Closson, land damages for road,	15 00
Eben Morrison, land damages for road,	1 00
A. G. Morrison, for bridge plank,	22 73
W. F. Thompson, work on R. bridge,	20 00
Gordon Burleigh, work on Punch brook bridge,	11 00
R. L. Tay, "	11 66
H. Fifield, "	2 67
L. D. Stevens, "	5 00
Simeon R. Brown, "	14 17
Joseph Fellows and team, "	16 51
Nathaniel M. Colby and team, "	5 26
F. N. Hancock, work on	8 13
Wallace Burleigh, "	2 50

Paid Abel Morrill and team, Punch brook bridge,	\$13 87
Geo. B. Matthews and team	10 31
B. F. Wells, work on	2 50
William Cross,	1 25
Samuel M. Westgate,	75
J. L. Thompson,	6 00
V. Sargent,	12 00
Samuel Johnson,	3 75
S. F. Danforth,	4 37
A. L. Ward and team,	3 25
John Hancock, for work and team, stone and lumber,	17 30
B. S. Hancock, work, stone and lumber,	18 74
William Proctor and team,	7 50
C. Smith, for stone drag,	2 50
A. Morrill, for work on road,	9 54
Warde & Humphrey, for faucet,	1 75
W. W. Hancock, for lighting R. bridge and for lanterns,	10 84
Levi Richardson, for oil,	4 93
D. Gilchrist & Co.,	3 46
C. H. Clark, drawing plank	4 75
Clark Thompson & Co., for lumber,	66 29
J. F. Leighton, for railing Canal bridge,	1 25
G. M. Fellows, surveying new road,	1 00
J. H. Rowell, sundries for R. bridge,	2 39
W. F. Thompson, for lumber,	22 12
Harvey N. Ingalls, work on culvert,	2 50
O. B. Davis, for oil and lanterns,	3 27
H. Fifield, for lighting bridge, &c.	9 00
G. Pike, for work on culvert,	10 25
A. G. Carlton, for blacksmith work for bridges,	2 39
S. Benson, for plank for bridges and culverts,	13 00
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	\$1,077 71

*External Poor for 1863-4.*

Paid A. Shaw, board of E. W. Taylor,	\$46 00
Mrs. E. Taylor,	4 50
Elmira Taylor, nurse,	13 50
For medicine,	2 00
Dr. H. A. Weymouth,	20 41
L. Lord, boots and shoes,	7 50
D. Gilchrist & Co., for Wm. W. Taylor,	25 74
L. Lord, pair boots,	4 50
For medicine,	5 00

Time and expense to Salisbury twice on account of E. W. Taylor,	\$3 00
Time and expense taking affidavit,	1 00
“ to Northfield, taking affidavit,	2 00
“ for taking affidavits on account of Jane Morrill,	3 00
D. H. Clement, board of Nancy Sanborn,	26 00
Mrs. E. K. Clement, “	17 34
“ for funeral expenses,	18 16
For coffin and funeral expenses of Stevens child,	5 48
Mrs. L. Wallace, care of Ash child,	1 75
Time and expense to N. Hampton after Ash family,	4 25
Gilford bills for sickness and burial of Mrs. H. Batchelder,	33 85
Town of New Hampton, for M. Ash family,	27 00
O. B. Davis, on account of J. Ash children,	3 00
Dr. S. B. Kelley, for N. Sanborn,	20 00
For time and expense on account of Susannah Austin taking affidavits,	2 00
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	\$296 98

*County Paupers for 1863-4.*

Paid J. B. Clay, for board of Howe child,	\$15 00
Dr. S. B. Kelley, “	3 00
J. H. Cilley, coffin “	2 50
F. R. Quimby and B. F. Wells, digging grave,	1 00
Levi Richardson, for Mrs. N. Flanders,	8 19
Sundry bills for “	10 28
George Wilson, wood “	5 00
David Gilchrist, store bill “	32 72
Isaiah Johnson, meal “	1 50
J. G. Judkins, meat “	73
Dr. S. B. Kelley, medical attendance for Mrs. N. Flanders,	15 20
For transient paupers and digging grave,	3 30
White & Richardson, for J. B. Clay,	6 00
D. Gilchrist & Co., “	10 25
Dr. S. B. Kelley, for “	11 75
“ for S. Austin,	21 00
“ for Precilla Brown,	5 50
J. F. Daniell & Son, “	35 62
“ for Hannah Brown,	4 00
N. H. Sanborn for “	2 10



Paid D. Gilchrist & Co., for Precilla Brown,	\$7 00
O. B. Davis, for transient pauper,	1 75
E. Fellows, board of Mrs. Sally Gove,	47 50
J. P. Dolloff, for Hannah Brown,	2 51
N. O. Burleigh, board of Mrs. C. Taylor,	52 00
Dr. L. M. Knight, for                   “	3 85
“                   for Precilla Brown,	14 45
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	\$323 70

*Poor Farm for 1863-4.*

Paid Perkins Shaw, for corn,	\$38 00
B. S. Hancock, for <del>five</del> <sup>13</sup> bushels potatoes,	5 20
For beef cow,	43 00
Mrs. D. S. Batchelder, for cosset sheep,	7 75
Gilmanton Mutual Ins. Co. for policy,	4 05
J. P. Dolloff, for meat,	4 63
John White, store bill,	9 38
White & Richardson, store bill,	6 92
Levi Richardson,                   “	56 64
D. Gilchrist & Co.,                   “	87 35
O. B. Davis,                   “	162 50
J. H. Rowell, store and tin shop bill,	43 44
B. S. Colby, saw bill,	2 37
W. F. Thompson, saw and lumber bill,	13 10
G. L. Peabody, blacksmith work,	9 01
John Shaw, shoe bill,	28 60
H. Fifield, harness work,	2 90
C. & E. C. Stone, store bill,	4 21
Gilmanton Mutual Ins. assessment,	3 07
Dr. S. B. Kelley, as per contract,	17 30
James M. Morse, warden's salary,	225 00
“                   for sundries,	4 73
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	\$779 15

*New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane 1863-4.*

Paid Charlotte G. Elkins' board,	\$57 82
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*Statement of Poor Farm, 1863-4.*

Sundry bills, including warden's salary,	\$779 15	
Inventory of 1863,	980 80	\$1759 95
Received for board of county paupers,	\$222 20	
Inventory of 1864,	891 75	

Received for oxen,	\$135 00	
For cow,	20 00	
For cart wheels,	5 00	\$1273 95
Expense of Poor Farm,		\$486 00

*Incidental Expenses for 1863-4.*

Paid Charles Severy, damages to horse,	\$20 00	
J. G. Hill, " "	30 00	\$50 00

*State and County Tax.*

Paid State tax for 1863,	\$1514 70	
County " "	1088 07	\$2602 77

*Outstanding Taxes.*

Outstanding taxes for 1863,	\$200 00
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*Abatements of Taxes.*

Abatements for 1857,	\$15 15	
" 1858,	9 93	
" 1862,	18 34	
" 1863,	65 56	\$108 98
Non-resident highway receipts for 1862,	\$3 53	
" " 1863,	43 24	\$46 77

*School Money for 1863-4.*

School District No. 1,	\$171 59	
" 2,	106 95	
" 3,	499 38	
" 4,	94 80	
" 5,	118 90	
" 6,	77 09	
" 8,	79 42	
" 9,	83 97	
" 10,	413 55	
" 11,	70 98	
" 12,	43 82	\$1760 45

*Superintending School Committee.*

Paid William T. Savage,	\$26 75	
H. C. Dugan,	13 50	
J. W. Simonds,	9 00	\$49 25

Direct tax in School District No. 3 for High School,	\$100 00	
Direct tax in School District No. 10, to pay debt and for repairs,	150 00	\$250 00

*Bounties to three years Volunteers.*

Paid Benj. J. Barnes,	\$163 00	
S. D. Corliss,	12 00	
Jonathan L. French,	37 00	
James B. Thorn,	37 00	
Hiram B. Ingalls,	37 00	
Charles A. Fletcher,	17 38	
Benj. F. Pettingill,	37 00	\$340 38

*Bounties to drafted men.*

Paid Henry P. Taylor,	\$300 00	
John Haley,	300 00	
Francis Newton,	300 00	
Prentiss Bussiel,	300 00	
Horace A. Ballou,	300 00	
Edwin A. Knight,	300 00	
Marcus M. French,	300 00	
George W. Thompson,	300 00	
Nathaniel M. Colby,	300 00	
Samuel F. Danforth,	300 00	
Walter Burleigh,	300 00	
Frank L. Simonds,	300 00	
Sylvanus Kimball,	300 00	
Josiah E. Colby,	300 00	
James S. Morrison,	300 00	\$4500 00

*Bounties to three years Volunteers, under call of Oct. 17, '63.*

Paid Charles H. Stevens,	\$100 00	
Thomas Bruce,	100 00	
James P. Simonds,	100 00	
George H. Stevens,	100 00	
Benj. W. Breed,	100 00	
John H. Hunt,	100 00	
Hubbard S. Kimball,	100 00	
Thomas Hurley, or agent, including town,		
State and U. S. bounties,	575 00	
James Fitzgerald, do.	575 00	
James Hall, do.	575 00	
William Willson, do.	575 00	
George Foley, do.	570 00	
John Teller, do.	570 00	
Thomas Jones, do.	570 00	
Assistance and expense in procuring the above volunteers,	\$175 00	
	—————	\$4885 00

*State Aid paid to three years Volunteers' families, 1863-4.*

Paid Mrs. Louisa A. Blake,	\$144 00
John Lynch,	66 33
Harriet Ash,	24 00
Susan Colby,	104 00
E. F. Rowe,	6 00
A. S. Whitney,	27 27
A. E. Sanborn,	36 00
Tacy Ash,	144 00
Ann M. Sanborn,	144 00
Deborah Barnes,	25 25
Eliza Kelley,	144 00
Mary J. Stevens,	30 50
Kate C. Fletcher,	62 13
Hannah Rumsey,	32 12
Martha Fortier,	144 00
Catharine Flynn,	144 00
Mary M. Keazer and children,	144 00
Juline Sargent,	96 00
Betsey Simonds,	4 00
Dorcas S. Newton,	44 00
Mahala Pettingill,	36 00
Jane M. Greene,	92 00
Melissa A. Clifford,	92 00
Joseph C. Bruce child,	26 67
Ellen R. Putney,	26 67
Hannah H. Bruce,	38 00
Martha J. Stevens,	74 00
Hannah A. Stevens,	43 46
Sarah E. Breed,	27 91
Nancy P. Simonds,	14 40
Harriet M. Hunt,	30 40
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*State Aid paid to nine months Volunteers' families.*

Paid Mrs. Edna P. Cate,	\$68 00
Laura D. Woodward,	25 94
Hannah J. Gardner,	45 33
Susan Cooke,	68 00
Mary S. Pevare,	45 33
Sarah A. Thompson,	22 67
Daniel T. Cate children,	40 67
Nancy K. Whittier,	68 00
Calvin Sanborn child,	24 00

Paid Mrs. Alvina W. Colby,	\$68 00
Mary J. Keazer,	72 00
Jennie R. Smith,	45 33
Charlotte A. Greene,	65 33
Mary A. Bennett,	45 33
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### RECAPITULATION.

The amount received of the Treasurer, \$25,596 58

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid Outstanding claims,	\$1362 53
Town expenses,	677 06
Roads and bridges,	1077 71
External poor,	296 98
County paupers,	323 70
Poor Farm,	779 15
N. H. Asylum for the Insane,	57 82
Incidental expenses,	50 00
State and County tax,	2602 77
Outstanding taxes,	200 00
Abatement of taxes,	108 98
Non-resident Highway receipts,	46 77
School money,	1760 45
Superintending School Committee,	49 25
Direct tax in districts No's 3 and 10,	250 00
Bounties to three years Volunteers,	340 38
"    drafted men,	4500 00
"    three years Vols under the call of Oct. 17, 1863,	4885 00
State Aid paid to families of three years Volunteers,	2097 11
State Aid to nine months Volun- teers' families,	703 93
	<hr/> \$22,169 59
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$3,426 94
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$3426 94
Due from the State for aid paid to volun- teers' families,	2582 02
Due from the United States for boun- ties cashed for volunteers,	2114 00
Due on Lewis Lord's note,	40 94
Funds in the Town Treasury,	\$8163 90

*Outstanding Notes for 1862-3.*

N. M. Proctor,	\$317 08	H. Gordon,	\$1600 00
“ “	1256 56	J. A. Southworth,	170 00
“ “	1075 00	M. Fuller,	100 00
H. P. Eaton,	400 00	S. W. Bartlett,	60 00
E. A. Sweatt,	400 00	J. H. Rowell,	1000 00
Rufus G. Burleigh,	364 63	“ “	500 00
“ “	300 00	L. M. Davis,	200 00
“ “	380 00	H. W. Fairbanks,	100 00
Pike & Barnard,	250 00	W. P. Kinsman,	100 00
A. F. Pike,	1000 00	Andover Christ. Inst.,	400 00
J. W. Richardson,	500 00	“ “	272 00
E. G. Wallace,	150 00	M. M. French,	60 00
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	\$6393 27		\$3962 00
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Interest estimated up to March 1, 1864,			1359 76
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			\$11,715 03

*Outstanding Notes of 1863-4.*

J. P. Sanborn,	\$1000 00	J. W. Richardson,	\$600 00
I. B. West,	500 00	H. Rumsey,	275 00
H. Hancock,	230 00	L. A. Marsh,	100 00
Andover Christ. Inst.,	200 00	C. Hancock,	144 00
F. W. Eaton,	625 00	J. P. Sanborn,	200 00
N. M. Proctor,	500 00	H. P. Eaton,	400 00
F. F. Ladd,	260 00	Edward Colby,	500 00
S. B. Kelley,	100 00	J. Leavitt,	1500 00
A. Smith,	300 00	F. N. Hancock,	100 00
N. Davis,	100 00	John Pevare,	450 00
F. W. Eaton,	400 00	B. Simonds,	200 00
J. E. Scribner,	400 00	Sarah Breed,	150 00
John Sanborn,	125 00	A. Chase,	350 00
Walter Aiken,	1000 00	M. H. Gilman,	300 00
T. Leighton,	125 00	S. W. Dearborn,	300 00
S. Burleigh,	48 00		<hr/>
	<hr/>		\$5569 00
	\$5913 00		5913 00
Interest estimated up to March 1, 1864,			329 22
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			\$11,802 22

Total outstanding notes and interest against the town,	\$23,517 25
Funds in the Town treasury,	8,163 90
Total indebtedness of the Town March 1, 1864,	<u>\$15,353 35</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN S. HANCOCK, { *Selectmen of*  
 GEORGE MORRISON, { *Franklin.*

The Auditor of Accounts for the town of Franklin, for the year ending March 1, 1864, has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWIN C. STONE, *Auditor.*

*Inmates of the Alms House, 1863-4.*

	No. of Age. weeks.			No. of Age. weeks.	
Thomas Williams,	86	45	Charles Ash,	8	29
Betsey Danforth,	71	52	Mary Daniels,	7	52
John P. Clark,	67	52	Mary Rogers,	7	21
Sally Clark,	67	52	Harriet Daniels,	5	52
Sally Marston,	59	52	Ellen Rogers,	5	21
Annie Whitcher,	52	52	Mary Ash,	4	44
Rosina Sanborn,	49	52	Lizzy Rogers,	3	21
Mrs. Harriet Daniels,	39	52	John Ash,	3	44
Mrs. Sarah A. Bean,	35	2	Perry Daniels,	3	52
Mrs. Harriet Ash,	26	44	George Bean,	3	2
Mrs. Mary J. Morrill,	24	34	Allison V. Daniels,	9 mos.	39
Susannah Austin,	24	13	Mary E. Ash,	14	6
Orretta C. Bean,	6	4	John Ash,	10	6
Frank Daniels,	10	52	Frank Ash,	6	44
			Ellen Daniels,	13	52
		558			
					485
					558
Total number of weeks board,					<u>1043</u>

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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The Superintending School Committee of the town of Franklin submit their report for the year ending March 1864 :—

In the prosecution of their work, the special charge of Districts No. 1, 9, 11 and 12 was committed to Mr. SAVAGE ; that of Districts No. 2, 4 and 7 to Mr. SIMONDS, and that of Districts No. 5, 6 and 8 to Mr. DUGAN. In Districts No. 3 and 10 the schools have been under the supervision of their own committees, whose reports will be found incorporated, in their appropriate places, in this report.

The sum raised by town tax, the past year, for the support of schools is \$1400. The appropriation from the avails of the Literary Fund is \$122.85 ; and that from the Railroad tax is \$276.50, amounting in all to the sum of \$1799.35. In addition to this, District No. 3 has raised the sum of \$100, to increase the High School privileges of the scholars residing within its limits.

The whole number of scholars, four years of age and upwards who have attended the public schools, two or more weeks, the past year, is 463 ; 229 males and 234 females. We present a detailed account of the schools by Districts, referring the town to a statistical table accompanying this report for further particulars :

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term* of 14 weeks, was kept by Miss SARA C. MOOR ; and the *Winter Term*, of 9 weeks, by Mr. O. L. CROSS. Whole number of scholars in Summer, 22, with an average attendance of 17. Whole number in Winter, 32, with an average attendance of 28.

After the tempest of the previous year, it is very agreeable to the Committee to report a beneficent calm. On so dark and troubled a night, we hardly anticipated so tranquil a dawn. The airs around the school house seem bracing and balmy and the atmosphere within placid and invigorating. Let the teachers describe it. The mistress of the Summer school says that “ after having taught several years, she can truly say this has been one of the pleasantest schools she ever taught. The scholars are well advanced in their studies, and among them are some superior scholars. During the term the school was deprived by death of one of its most beautiful and promising pupils, Willie Burleigh, whose loss was deeply lamented by his school-mates and teacher. The scholars have been very studious and the parents have expressed an unusual interest in the school ; under which circumstances the school could not fail to be successful.” The teacher was gentle in spirit and manners, yet firm and intelligent, and was faithful in performing the duties of her trust. The school was a success.



Mr. Cross says: "I found the school in an excellent condition. The scholars are young and not far advanced, but they have shown a promptness, an energy and perseverance seldom equalled. Regular and attentive to their studies, all have seemed to try to learn. The active and efficient Prudential Committee, together with the parents of the scholars, one and all, have manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the school, and by their hearty co-operation have greatly aided in securing to the pupils whatever benefits may have been derived. Four of the pupils have not an absent mark; five others have been absent but one-half day, and two others but one day each. Several others have come nearly up to these. By a little more parental care and effort, regularity of attendance may be greatly increased." We are glad to add another extract: "Not a profane, vulgar or uncouth word has reached the ears of the teacher from any scholar; not a noticeable instance of quarreling; not a failure in the special requirements of the school room. On the contrary the scholars have all seemed to love the place, to love one another and to strive for each others' comfort and happiness." Mr. Cross has managed the school with his accustomed intelligence, tact and faithfulness, and with corresponding results.

**DIST. NO. 2.** *Summer Term* of 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 8 1-2. Teacher, Miss MARY L. WARDSWORTH, who faithfully performed her duties. A prevailing sickness among the scholars caused this low average. The teacher says in her report, "scholars constant in attendance have made good progress, the remainder have learned as well as could be expected. Believing it to be the duty of every teacher to secure the advancement of her pupils, I have, to effect this, endeavored, as much as in my power, to secure order, punctuality, studiousness and thoroughness. Many of the parents lack interest in the progress of their children, are not prompt to obtain books at the commencement of the term, and leave it too much to the option of their children whether they attend school or not."

*Winter Term* of 12 weeks. Whole number, 17; average, 9. Teacher, Mr. H. L. M. CLARK. A large majority of the scholars left the school near the middle of the term; thus the benefit of the school was greatly diminished. No cause of the withdrawal was made known to the Committee. Parents should realize the privileges of free schools, and not allow their children to be absent from trivial causes. Mr. Clark seemed anxious to do well for the district. The six scholars present at the close of the school appeared well and showed good progress.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 3.

In the distribution of their labors, the special charge of the

Primary department was committed to Mr. ROWELL; that of the Intermediate department was assigned to Messrs. PIKE and PROCTOR, and that of the High School to Messrs. GILCHRIST and SAVAGE; and they make report as follows:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL.** Both terms of this school was taught by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Length of each term 12 weeks. Number of scholars, the *Summer Term* 53, with an average attendance of 44. Number of scholars the *Winter Term* 55, with an average attendance of 42.

Both terms of this school were successful. The tender years of the scholars, their great number and the uncomfortable condition of the school room, especially in warm weather, make this the most difficult school in town. The Committee found little, if any thing, to criticise and very much to approve. Great progress has been made and good government in the school restored. Reciprocal affection between teacher and scholar, that great essential in the control of such a school, existed. Order in the school room, distinct, audible and correct enunciation in the spelling and reading lessons and in recitations, and a logical and full solution of sums in arithmetic were among the many improvements observed.

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.** Both Terms of this school were taught by Miss J. D. GILMAN. The length of each was 12 weeks. The number of scholars each term was 35, with an average attendance of 30, during the *Summer Term*, and a less number during the *Winter Term*.

Miss Gilman was a stranger to the Committee at the time she was employed to teach the school. She came highly recommended by many individuals. During the Summer term, she was attentive and interested in the school, and commendable progress was made. The Winter term was a failure. The teacher seems to be wanting in self-respect. For the most part the scholars lost all respect for her. That most potent influence in a school room which a respected teacher has over respectful scholars was wanting. Force and the green hide without this moral restraint are seldom successful in controlling and directing scholars. The teacher in her discipline of the school, by the use of unfitting language, and loss of temper, was not able to give proper effect to her attempts to control the spirit of disobedience which arose in the school. This condition of the school may be in part attributed to want of interest and coöperation on the part of parents.

The HIGH SCHOOL, has been under the charge of Mr. GEORGE M. FELLOWS, the past year. There have been three terms of 12 weeks each. The whole number of scholars in attendance from the district, during the *Spring Term*, was 26, with an average attendance of  $23\frac{1}{2}$ . The whole number, during the *Fall Term*, was 22; average attendance 18. The whole number, during the *Winter Term*, was 21, with an average attendance of  $19\frac{1}{2}$ . From

other towns, and other districts of this town, there has been an aggregate attendance of 40 scholars during the year, giving an average of  $13\frac{1}{3}$  per term.

The High School, on the whole, has been prosperous, the past year; yet it is easy to see there is room for improvement. The instruction is accurate and thorough,—particulars, the value of which can hardly be overestimated—and the classes at the examinations have generally appeared well. Substantial improvement has been secured in the case of most, and perhaps of all the scholars who have attended with constancy, but our ideal of the High School is not yet reached. We desire to see the classes farther advanced, (though not till they have thoroughly mastered the elementary branches) and to witness greater enthusiasm in the spirit and movements of the school. These must be secured by the manifest interest and coöperation, in every appropriate way, of the parents, the teachers and the scholars. Many pupils are attending, very appropriately, to the branches of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry, and to the elements of the classical languages. It is desirable also that the scholars should press on and master the departments of mental and moral science and history.

The instances of tardiness reported are in an increasing ratio; the number in the Spring term being 61; in the Fall term 123, and in the Winter term 134. This fault should be abandoned.

It is important that this school, the most advanced in town, should be made in all respects as excellent as possible, and that it should become a model school. We commend it to the generous regards of all the friends of the young, and ask them to visit it, and become acquainted with its field of operation and its actual bearings on the welfare of the place and region. We trust that, though now adopted only by this district, it will ere long be adopted by all the districts, and will extend its free benefits to every part of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,	} <i>Sup't School Com.</i>
DAVID GILCHRIST,	
AUSTIN F. PIKE,	
JOHN H. ROWELL,	
NOAH M. PROCTOR,	

*mittee*  
*District No. 3.*

Franklin, February 29, 1864.

DISTRICT NO. 4. *Summer Term* of seven weeks, taught by Miss VINA A. COLLINS. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13. The scholars in this district are young, some living one mile from the school house, but the register shows less than the average number of marks for tardiness, dismissal or absence. Miss Collins taught a term here last season. This mutual acquaintance proved to be very favorable this term. The school

was well organized at once, and the work of improvement heartily begun. Each scholar had a sufficient amount of labor assigned, and performed it. The instruction and government on the part of the teacher, were judicious and appropriate; the improvement made more than met the expectations of the visiting committee. This term closed prematurely on account of illness of the teacher.

*Fall Term* of 14 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 16. Teacher, Miss MARTHA A. COLBY. This was her first effort at teaching. She evinced much skill, great interest and untiring labor, directed by good judgment. Her exertions were richly rewarded in the improvement of her pupils and approval of patrons. Miss Colby wisely adopted the arrangements of the summer teacher as far as practicable, who in turn had followed her own system of a previous term, modified by the experience of successful teachers previous years. In consequence of this uniformity, this school has been well governed, the instruction thorough and exact, and the scholars have acquired good habits of study. It is earnestly hoped this district may continue to employ experienced and judicious teachers — the same teacher as far as practicable — to direct the developing minds of its children.

The visiting committee cheerfully accords to Misses Collins and Colby the praise of keeping model schools in No. 4, the past season.

**DIST. NO. 5.** *Summer Term* of 10 weeks; teacher, Miss HATTIE C. HALE; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8 1-2. This was Miss Hall's first experience in teaching. We commend her intelligence, industry and faithfulness. The district speak highly of her as a teacher.

*Winter Term* of 14 weeks; whole number, 11; average attendance, 9. The teacher, Mr. S. P. THOMPSON, carried with him a unusual amount of enthusiasm and perseverance into the school-room, and succeeded well in enkindling the same in the minds of his pupils. He is a teacher of marked thoroughness and ability. Mr. Thompson performed an excess of labor by meeting with his scholars three evenings in each week and thereby carried them through an extra amount of study. The school is highly commended.

**DIST. NO. 6.** *Summer Term* of 8 weeks, Miss LAURA A. GREELEY, teacher; whole number 25. Miss Greeley failed to complete her Register. We hope teachers will be careful in this respect. The school at its opening appeared well, and was conducted throughout with some ability, though we fear the same interest was not maintained to its close. Miss Greeley is not without experience as a teacher, having taught fifty months; but in this school she became disgusted with the vulgarity and profanity which she was forced to hear and had no power to restrain, and therefore seemed anxious to see the close of the term.

*Winter Term* of 8 weeks; teacher, Mr. JOHN EMERY; whole

number, 25 ; average attendance, 20. Mr. Emery is an original teacher, who loves his work and always succeeds well. His nicety in little particulars, and the complete system to which he reduces all the exercises of the school was a discipline very much needed here. The effect of this excellent training will be of service hereafter in this school. A private school of 4 weeks succeeded the public school.

DIST. NO. 7. No school has been kept in this district the past year.

DIST. NO. 8. *Summer Term* of 9 weeks ; teacher, Miss AMANDA A. INGALLS ; whole number 14 ; average attendance 11. *Winter Term* of 12 weeks by the same teacher ; whole number 22 ; average attendance 20. This is a fine school and it has been finely taught. The closing examination was highly creditable alike to teacher and the school. The reading, especially, was very fine. The drawling manner of performing this exercise, so common in many schools, has entirely disappeared in this.

DIST. NO. 9. The *Summer Term* of 8 weeks was kept by Miss ELLEN M. MORRISON, and the *Winter Term* by Miss NANCY A. MORRILL. Whole number of scholars in Summer 12, with an average attendance of 10 ; whole number in Winter 11, with an average attendance of 9. At the closing examination of the Summer school, commendable progress was evinced in the several branches taught, and the term was generally profitable. Soon after her work in this school was accomplished, the friends of the teacher were called to mourn her early transfer from this world to a higher service above.

Miss Morrill reports her school one of the best she ever taught "in regard to whispering, laughing and studiousness." "The scholars waited for no second bidding to get their lessons after they were assigned ; consequently they reaped their reward in having them correctly and perfectly learned. Out of eleven scholars, there were nine that had every lesson perfect." The opportunity for a final examination of this school was lost from the failure of the prudential committee to notify the superintending committee of the time of its close.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 10.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Both the *Summer* and *Winter Terms* in this department were taught by Miss FRANCES E. WOODFORD. This school has been under Miss Woodford's charge for the last three years, and exhibits ample evidence of her faithfulness. We think it could not have fallen into better hands.

Length of Summer Term, 17 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 69 ; average attendance, 50.

Length of Winter Term, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 54 ; average attendance, 43 2-3.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* of 17 weeks was taught by Miss LUCY W. CLARK. An evident desire was manifest for the improvement of the pupils under her charge, and a commendable advancement was made. Whole number of scholars, 47 ; average attendance, 32.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. JAMES S. GARLAND ; length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 54 ; average attendance, 45. Mr. Garland labored with much fidelity, and the closing examination showed that thoroughness had been the aim, and was in good degree attained.

In conclusion, we regret that there is not more interest manifested by parents in our schools where the children receive that early training which is to have so important a bearing upon their success in life. Much of the efficiency of our schools is lost in consequence of a want of coöperation on the part of parents with the teachers in securing the punctual and constant attendance of the scholars, and in maintaining that discipline which is so essential to success in the school-room.

CHARLES GARLAND,	} <i>Superintending</i>
A. B. CLOSSON,	
N. H. SANBORN,	
	} <i>School Com. of</i>
	} <i>Dist. No. 10.</i>

DIST. No. 11. The *Summer Term* of 8 weeks was kept by Miss SARAH E. ELLIOTT, and the *Winter Term* of 8 weeks by Miss JOSIE L. WADLIEGH. Whole number of scholars in Summer 8, with an average attendance of 7 ; whole number in Winter 11, with an average attendance of 9.

"The past term," reports Miss Elliott, "has afforded me much satisfaction in witnessing the improvement in school. Cheerfulness in obedience has won my love. The interest which the parents manifest in the progress of their children tends greatly to promote their advancement." These young teachers were faithful to their trust, and are commended as good and successful instructors. The scholars, during both terms, made decided progress.

DIST. No. 12. The *Summer and Winter Terms*, of 10 1-3, and 16 weeks, were taught by Miss SARAH E. HODGDON. Three scholars only, are reported as in attendance from Franklin, the larger part of the school belonging to the adjacent town of Northfield. The teacher appears to have been capable and faithful in the discharge of her duties, and the scholars gave good evidence of progress in their studies.

In reviewing the condition of the schools the past year, it is obvious that they have in general kept on in the even tenor of their way, and have been attended with gratifying success. Still they are susceptible of indefinite improvement.

It is desirable that parents and friends of schools should manifest their interest by visiting them. One teacher reports that "parents have kept aloof from the school room as though they had implicit confidence in their teacher, or else feared some mortal contagion lurked within the walls." Paralysis of interest in those who should be alive to the schools may be suggested as a third reason why too many teachers are uncheered by the visits of friends.

The foundation supports of our Republic, our liberties and prosperity should be guarded and fortified by every good citizen. These, as laid deep in the soil and society of the country, are *the family* with its home discipline and its warm loves; *the free schools* for all the people, made efficient to develop, discipline and adorn the minds of the young, and the *free church* to guide all families and individuals to revere their Creator and live in true loyalty to him and love with all mankind. These, our fathers believed, are the only grounds of popular liberty, virtue and prosperity; and these have made New England and the country the desire and the refuge for the oppressed of all lands. In the time of our convulsions and national sorrow, whatever else may be appropriate to be done, that effort cannot be wrong or inappropriate which is put forth to strengthen the foundations on which the fathers rested the fabric they built and have transmitted to us. The public schools, silent and unobtrusive as they are, are yet mighty for good. We invoke for them increased attention and care.

It is desirable to perfect among us, as soon as possible, the school system planned by our fathers, and in doing this, to extend the free privileges of the High school to all the districts of the town. This will give a much needed stimulus to the primary schools, and will carry the education of the children all over town up to a higher point. District No. 3 is practically showing its confidence in the enterprise, and is reaping the appropriate rewards. When all the districts shall unite in the High school, its beneficent influence will be greatly increased.

We deem it appropriate in this Report to refer to the "Franklin Library Association," from its connection with the cause of education among us. The late Hon. James Clark, animated by warm desire for the welfare of his native town, suggested the formation of the institution and proposed to endow it with the avails forever of ten shares of the capital stock of the Northern railroad, to be appropriated to the purchase of books. The Association was accordingly formed previously to his death, in such a manner, and with such arrangements in all respects as to meet his wishes. The library is owned by share holders, constituted such by holding each one share or more, at the price of five dollars per share; and they may draw out one book each week for every share owned. There is an annual assessment, never to exceed fifty cents per share, to

defray the incidental expenses of the library. Two hundred and twenty dollars have just been expended in books, and the library has been opened under very favorable auspices. This Association promises great and lasting good to the town, and the Superintending School Committee welcome it as a public benefit. It is desirable that the range of share holders should extend to every portion of the town for the benefit of all the parents and children. There is a provision by which individuals, not share holders, may secure the benefits of the library by paying fifty cents, semi-annually, in advance; and families, by paying two dollars per year. But to become share holders is the preferable way, because this increases the number of books in the library at once, and confers its privileges for all time. New books will be added to the library every half year. A debt of gratitude is due to Mr. Clark for his noble benefaction, which, in the true spirit of it, is administered by our fellow townsman, his son and trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, } *Superintending*  
H. C. DUGAN, } *School*  
J. W. SIMONDS, } *Committee.*

*Franklin, March 1, 1864.*

### STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	No Scholars in each Dist.	Apportionment to each Dist.	Proportion to each Scholar.	Whole amount of School Money for the year.
1	38	\$171 59	\$4 51	
2	24	106 95	4 46	
3	131	499 38	3 81	
4		94 80	4 51	
5	14	118 90	8 49	Raised by the Town, . \$1400 00
6	34	77 09	2 27	Literary Fund, . . . 122 85
7		21 49		Railroad tax appropria-
8	25	79 42	3 18	ted to schools, . . . 276 50
9	14	83 97	6 00	
10	146	413 55	2 83	\$1799 35
11	12	70 98	5 91½	Raised extra by District
12	4	43 82	10 95½	No. 3, for High School, \$100 00
	463	\$1781 94	3 85	

Books Authorized to be used in the public schools of Franklin :

READING : Town & Holbrook's Progressive Series.

SPELLING : Town's Progressive Speller.

ARITHMETIC : Greenleaf's Series.

GEOGRAPHY : Mitchell's Primary; Smith's Geography and Atlas.

GRAMMAR : Weld and Quackenbos' ; Parsing Book.

HISTORY : Goodrich's History of the United States.

PHYSIOLOGY : Cutter's.

ALGEBRA : Robinson's New Elementary.

GEOMETRY : Greenleaf's.